

Press Clippings for 9/19/2022

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South Elgin earns 16th straight home win

By: Jared Birchfield

Larkin was able keep pace with South Elgin in the early part of Friday night's Upstate Eight Conference contest.

At one point in the first quarter, the Royals tied the Storm and only trailed 14-6 at the end of the period.

However, South Elgin's effective triple-option offense kicked into high gear in the second quarter and the Storm pulled away to win its 16th home game in a row, 47-12.

"You've got to respect the triple-option because if you don't, we run hard and if you do, receivers are open," said South Elgin quarterback Jake Sullivan, who threw 4 touchdown passes.

South Elgin coach Dragan Teonic was not surprised by the Royals' tenacity.

"Totally what we expected. They are in games, they are a team that's improving," Teonic said. "We knew they were tough. They had other scoring opportunities that we were able to quash."

South Elgin (4-0, 4-0) scored on the first drive of the game. Mason Montgomery finished the possession when he took Sullivan's pitch and rumbled for 8 yards to put his team on the scoreboard, leading 6-0 with 8:13 left in the first quarter.

The Storm immediately got the ball back on an onside kick, but the drive stalled at the Royals' 25-yard line.

Larkin (1-3, 1-3) took over and marched down field to cross the goal line on Jalen Miller's 15-yard run at the 2:37 mark of the first quarter. **South Elgin**'s Denver Davis and Jordan Green blocked the extra-point try, so the Royals were only able to tie the Storm 6-6.

The tie was short-lived as **South Elgin** scored on its next possession. Ari Karvis ended a 65-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge with 42 seconds left in the quarter. The two-point conversion was good putting the Storm up 14-6 to start the second quarter.

South Elgin executed another successful onside kick. A drive that started in the first quarter and ended with 9:57 left in the second quarter resulted in another Storm score on a 14-yard Sullivan pass to a leaping Kyle Steinhofer in the end zone.

Larkin responded with Miller's second score of the game on a 3-yard plunge at the 7:11 mark of the period.

Montgomery and Steinhofer both notched their second touchdowns of the night on second-quarter passes from Sullivan, who finished 7-of-14 for 96 yards. At halftime **South Elgin** led 34-12.

South Elgin added 2 more touchdowns in the third quarter. Montgomery scored his third touchdown on a 19-yard pass from Sullivan. Jordan Green crossed the goal line on a 3-yard run.

In addition to completing 2 passes for 29 yards, Montgomery rushed 115 yards on 9 carries. Teammate Lucas Noworol gained 110 yards on 9 attempts.

Larkin threatened to score again in the third quarter. A 64-yard pass from Tizairian Johnson-Williams (10 for 23 for 177 yards) to Chevelle Clements (5 completions for 125 yards) put the **Royals** at **South Elgin**'s 9-yard line. A bad snap recovered by the **Storm's** Daniel Viscuso ended the threat.

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Week 4 recap: Barrington picks up first win; Elgin beats Bartlett for first time since 2001

By: Dick Quagliano



Naperville North kicks a field goal against Neuqua Valley Friday September 16, 2022 at Barbara J. Barrows Stadium in Naperville. *Brian Hill | Staff Photographer*

Elgin 24, Bartlett 7: Elgin (2-2, 2-2) had not beaten Bartlett (3-1, 3-1) since 2001. The Marrons had lost to the Hawks 14 consecutive times. The teams did not play some years when the Upstate 8 was broken into two divisions.

To read the full article click [here](#).

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Football / Top 20



Maine South's Michael Taylor holds the jersey of Prospect's Brad Vierneisel as teammate Samuel Cooper helps bring down the quarterback last Thursday during Prospect's wild 42-41 victory. Prospect remains the No. 1 team in this week's Daily Herald Top 20. *John Starks* | *Staff Photographer*

Football

Team Week 4 result/Week 5 opponent

1. Prospect 4-0 Beat Maine South 42-41; hosts Hersey
2. Warren 4-0 Beat Stevenson 36-16; hosts Lake Zurich
3. Glenbard West 4-0 Beat Proviso W. 51-12; hosts Addison Trail
4. York 4-0 Beat Downers N. 24-17 (OT); at Lyons
5. South Elgin 4-0 Beat Larkin 47-12; hosts East Aurora
6. Neuqua Valley 3-1 Beat Naperville N. 29-16; at Naperville C.
7. Hersey 4-0 Beat Highland Park 56-17; at Prospect
8. Wheaton North 3-1 Lost to St. Charles N. 22-21; at Lake Park
9. Maine South 2-2 Lost to Prospect 42-41; hosts Glenbrook N.
10. Jacobs 4-0 Beat Prairie Ridge 42-35; at Huntley
11. Batavia 2-2 Beat Lake Park 42-0; at Glenbard North
12. Geneva 4-0 Beat WW South 35-11; hosts St. Charles N.
3. Naperville North 3-1 Lost to Neuqua Valley 29-16; hosts DeKalb

14. Palatine 3-1 Lost to Glenbrook S. 43-42; hosts Fremd
15. Downers Grove North 3-1 Lost to York 24-17 (OT); hosts Proviso West
16. Naperville Central 3-1 Beat Waubonsie V. 35-7; hosts Neuqua V.
17. St. Charles North 3-1 Beat Wheaton North 22-21; at Geneva
18. St. Francis 4-0 Beat Chicago Christian 56 -0; at Rosholt, Wis.
19. Cary-Grove 3-1 Beat McHenry 18-0; at Prairie Ridge
20. Glenbard South 4-0 Beat **Streamwood** 49-20; at **Bartlett**

Others to watch: Wauconda 4-0, IC Catholic Prep 3-1, Hinsdale Central 2-2, Crystal Lake South 3-1, Grayslake North 4-0, Elk Grove 4-0, Conant 4-0

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Boys soccer / Top 20



Wheaton Warrenville South's Carrol Dunn goes up for a save against Geneva last week. The Vikings have an unusual 3-1-7 record this year and check in at No. 17 in this week's Daily Herald Top 20. *Sean King/for Shaw Local*

Boys soccer

Team Comment

1. Naperville North 8-2-1 Hosts Naperville Central Tuesday
2. York 7-0-3 Ryan Kohl runs the show in the MF
2. Naperville Central 9-3-0 Tuesday crosstown showdown
4. Grayslake Central 8-0-1 Key match with Round Lake Thursday
5. Stevenson 10-0-1 Impressive team depth
6. St. Charles East 9-1-2 Saints count on GK Rolon
7. Hinsdale Central 7-1-1 Big win over state-ranked Oak Park-River F.
8. **Elgin** 6-0-3 Saldana gifted in every area of the game
9. Benet Academy 7-3-0 Eighteen goals in 2 league games
10. Warren 6-2-1 Garcia double ends losing streak
11. St. Charles North 7-2-2 Three goals conceded in last 8 games
12. West Aurora 8-2-3 Versatile Lopez-Martinez leads the way
13. Conant 9-3-1 Win over Naperville Central in PKs

14. Hersey 6-2-1 MSL East leader
15. Rolling Meadows 8-2-0 What a week for the Mustangs
16. Wheaton Academy 6-2-0 Undefeated in last six games
17. Geneva 3-1-7 Key match with St. Charles North Tuesday
18. St. Viator 6-4-0 Glasstetter and Giroux make Lions go
19. Crystal Lake South 6-2-1 Five straight victories for Gators
20. Maine South 6-3-2 Rebound win after tough loss to New Trier

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High school football scores for the Southland and the Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County areas

By:Staff Reports



Mount Carmel's Maurice Davis (4) looks up the field after a reception against Marist during a CCL/ESCC Blue game in Chicago on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (Vincent D. Johnson / Daily Southtown)

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

WEEK 4

DUPAGE VALLEY

DeKalb 58, Metea Valley 12

Naperville Central 35, Waubonsie Valley 7

Neuqua Valley 29, Naperville North 16

FOX VALLEY

Crystal Lake Central 7, Hampshire 0

Crystal Lake South 39, Dundee-Crown 32

Huntley 16, Burlington Central 7

Jacobs 42, Prairie Ridge 35

Jacobs (4-0, 4-0): Joey Scrivani 2 TD runs; GW 1-yard TD run in 4th quarter. Antonio Brown 3 TD runs (41, 2, 15 yards). Max Benner 62-yard TD pass to Grant Stec.

UPSTATE EIGHT

Elgin 24, Bartlett 7

Glenbard East 42, East Aurora 0

Glenbard South 49, Streamwood 20

South Elgin 47, Larkin 12

BOYS SOCCER

STREAMWOOD FALL CLASSIC

Dundee-Crown 0, Leyden 0

Elgin 9, Rockford Auburn 0

Lockport 4, Lake Park 0

St. Charles East 2, York 2

St. Charles East (8-1-2): Mason Brockmeyer, Aiden Wost goal.

St. Charles North 6, Crystal Lake Central 0

Streamwood 2, Loyola 1

To read the full article click [here](#).

---Chicago Tribune--

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Triple-option tweak: Jacob Sullivan throws 4 TD passes as undefeated South Elgin runs past Larkin. 'It's a very intricate offense.'

By: Paul Johnson



South Elgin's Jake Sullivan (4) throws a touchdown pass against Larkin during an Upstate Eight Conference game in South Elgin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Being a quarterback in **South Elgin**'s triple-option scheme demands toughness because that player is going to get hit.

[Jacob Sullivan](#), a 6-foot, 191-pound junior, likes to take on that challenge head-on. What he adds to the mix, however, is a strong arm to keep defenses honest.

“You have to respect the triple option,” Sullivan said. “When you don’t, we just run it hard. When you do, people are open. It’s a very intricate offense.”

The **Storm** dominated on the ground as they usually do during Friday’s 47-12 Upstate Eight Conference victory over **Larkin**, but Sullivan also threw four touchdown passes.



South Elgin's Jacob Sullivan (4) escapes the grasp of Larkin's Hector Flores (46) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in South Elgin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

“It’s such an advantage, because when it’s executing on all cylinders like it was at times (Friday), the defense will suck in,” Sullivan said. “That’s why I threw four touchdowns.”

South Elgin coach [Dragan Teonic](#) doesn’t take the advantage he has for granted.

“In this instance, Larkin was using their safeties to fill up on the run with the option game,” Teonic said. “That opens up some opportunities down the field, and Jake hit them.”

South Elgin (4-0, 4-0) took a 14-6 lead in the first quarter on a 14-yard TD run by Mason Montgomery and a 1-yard TD run by Ari Kravis. The Storm then started looking to the air.

Sullivan hit [Kyle Steinhofer](#) with a 14-yard strike for his first TD with 9:57 left in the second quarter.



South Elgin's Kyle Steinhofer (6) grabs a touchdown pass in the second quarter touchdown against Larkin during an Upstate Eight Conference game in South Elgin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

The **Storm's** next three TDs all came through the air. Sullivan sandwiched TD passes of 10 and 19 yards to Montgomery around a 40-yard scoring strike to Steinhofer.

Sullivan ended up completing 8 of 15 passes for 122 yards.

"A lot of triple-option teams will focus so much on the run," Sullivan said. "We really focus on having an open game.

"If we get stopped on the triple option, we know we can go wide and throw the ball. It adds so much to our offense."

South Elgin did dominate on the ground, however.

The **Storm** ran for 365 yards and three TDs on 51 carries. Lucas Norowol and Montgomery each went for over 100 yards — Norowol with 123 and Montgomery with 107.

[Jordan Green](#) added a 1-yard TD run.



South Elgin's Mason Montgomery (8) scores a touchdown in front of Larkin's Kevin Malone (22) during an Upstate Eight Conference game in South Elgin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

Larkin (1-3, 1-3) made it a game early on, though.

The **Royals** forced a 6-6 tie in the first on a 15-yard TD run from Jalen Miller. Miller struck again in the quarter, this time on a 4-yard run, to cut **Larkin's** lead to 20-12.

The **Royals** had a few big plays the rest of the way but weren't able to slow down **South Elgin's** offense to stay in the game.

Tizairan Johnson-Williams threw for 157 yards. Chevelle Clements caught four passes for 107 yards.

Teonic, a former head coach for **Larkin**, likes what he sees from coach Grant Dietz's program.



Larkin's Chevelle Clements (6) avoids South Elgin's Shawn Clausen (11) to gain extra yardage during an Upstate Eight Conference game in South Elgin on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. (H. Rick Bamman / The Beacon-News)

"They're doing an awesome job putting their guys in position," Teonic said. "I said — keep your chin up, because they're in games. You can see improvement. It's a team on the rise."

"I've been there before. I know what it looks like. He's doing stuff right, and those kids have to continue to believe in what he's doing because you can see the improvement. It's tangible."

South Elgin rolls into homecoming next week against East Aurora with 16 straight home wins.

Teonic will be leaning on Sullivan to continue to add to that total.

"He's not even come close to his ceiling," Teonic said. "That's why we coach him so hard. He craves to be coached hard. He wants to be the best that he can be."

"Jake is so much better than he was as a sophomore, but he's got a long way to go. That's what I mean with his ceiling. How good can he get?"